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c) one or more compounds which are a factor in methionine metabolism, which compounds are selected from the group consisting of folate, vitamin B12, vitamin B6, magnesium and zinc or equivalents thereof.--

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REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to the method, with traverse.

It is not believed that the requirement can be properly repeated against the claims as now constituted, for the following reasons:

1. New claim 25 is a linking claim, drawn to the preparation and exactly coextensive in scope with claim 1.
2. The preparation of claim 25 is of course indivisible from the preparation of claims 19-24.
3. The method of claim 1 cannot be practiced with a preparation other than that of claim 25.
4. The preparation of claim 25 has no known use other than in the method of claim 1.

5. Separate classification is no evidence of the propriety of a requirement for restriction. Classification is solely for the convenience of the Patent Office and the searching public, and cannot diminish an applicant's rights in any way.

An action on the merits of all the claims is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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